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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tour et al.

Serial No.: 09/912,923

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Before the Examiner: Marschel, Ardin H.

Title: METHOD OF MAKING A NANOSCALE ELECTRONIC
COMPONENT COMPRISING PROGRAMMING WITH A
SELF-ADAPTIVE ALGORITHM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CONCURRENT WITH APPLICANTS'
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Concurrent with this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in the present Application. Applicants have timely filed its request and have paid the fee in full. In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification and claims as indicated below.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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